

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Valerie BAUBET et al.) Group Art Unit: 1632
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Serial No.: 09/863,901) Examiner: Not yet assigned
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph 1, on page 2, of the specification with the following
paragraph:

[001] This application is based on and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional
Application Nos. 60/208,314, filed June 1, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6051),
60/210,526, filed June 9, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6052), and 60/255,111, filed
December 14, 2000 (Attorney Docket No. 03495.6059). The entire disclosure of each
of these applications is relied upon and incorporated by reference herein.